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**Packers 37,
Bucs 14**

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trade
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continues
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Commentary

Momentum may be coming at right time

TAMPA - This was a really satisfying victory in that the Packers came down here, won their second game in a row, scored 37 points and played fairly inspired ball most of the day. The Packers did not back off in the second half and that's very positive.

It's satisfying after playing so poorly here last year. Coming back down here and beating the Bucs fairly convincingly is a credit to the players and the coaches.

They showed a little more spark on this team here Sunday. Overall, the Packers played with a lot of enthusiasm,

RAY NITSCHKE



throughout the game. Even with the heat, the Packers played well. They played very enthusiastic football throughout and that's a credit to the players.

But the big thing is, the Packers must continue to play like this.

And what a big afternoon for Sterling Sharpe! Plus, there were some big plays from the defense: Three sacks, two interceptions. And some big plays from special teams: Returns tended to put the Packers in good position, the hits tended to be convincing; they recovered one muffed punt and covered a Buc inside kick alertly. The big plays are very encouraging.

To play well in all three areas gives



Close review of this photo reveals Tampa's blocker actually has his right hand inside Reggie White's face mask.

— David J. Garot photo

them some momentum going into the middle part of the season — this was the first of 11 straight games you know, no more byes until sometime in January.

Momentum is especially important now with the arch-rival Bears coming into Green Bay. The timing of the two victories in a row after their slow start is wonderful. The momentum is starting to come around. The timing is good. It's what the Packers needed right now.

More continuity on the team is visible now. Players are getting to know one another a lot better now; their moves and tendencies, etc. I think they are playing together better as a team. I see them coming together as a team better now. That's very important and will be important for the rest of the season.

The team concept is taking off now.

Defensively, you see them pursuing, you see them making things happen. Offensively, they ran the ball better. I saw less stereotypic play calling. The Packers came up with some big plays which you have to do in every game you play in.

This game certainly has to help their confidence level. This team is capable of beating any team any Sunday but must prove that every Sunday. They must play as a team. They must play well in all facets of it; offensively, defensively and on special teams. They all have to play well. If they can do that, they'll have a heck of a season.

In the second half of this game, they kept the lead. They added to it. That was impressive. They had not done that in previous weeks against Philadelphia, Minnesota and Denver.

So I think they are learning. They are learning how to keep the lead. I think the Packers really did themselves proud by winning down here and I think it will help them a bunch in the remaining games.

And now the Bears are up Sunday. What can you say? The rivalry. Packer fans. Bear fans. Halloween. Hopefully, the Packers will respond. This is an important game for the season, for the Central Division and for the fact this is the team fans really, really want to beat. Speaking for myself, I'd rather beat the Bears than anybody. I know most of you feel the same way. I hope each and every one of the Packer players feels that same way.

I have always been impressed with Packer fans. I am continually amazed at the loyalty, enthusiasm and great spirit they have for their team. That was proven again here Sunday; proven at not one, but two, tailgate parties before this game. I signed autographs for what? Three hours? I talked with people from all over the country as well as Wisconsin. Packer fans are the best fans in the world. America's Pack threw a great party. It was a great start for a great afternoon of Packer football.

NFL standings

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Central					
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF PA
Detroit	5	2	0	.714	134 113
Chicago	3	2	0	.600	97 59
Minnesota	3	2	0	.600	66 82
Green Bay	3	3	0	.500	147 118
Tampa Bay	1	5	0	.167	68 159
Eastern					
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF PA
N.Y. Giants	5	1	0	.833	145 71
Dallas	4	2	0	.667	132 92
Philadelphia	4	2	0	.667	128 133
Phoenix	2	5	0	.286	135 133
Washington	1	5	0	.167	99 161
Western					
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF PA
New Orleans	5	2	0	.714	163 137
San Francisco	4	3	0	.571	170 141
Atlanta	2	5	0	.286	147 191
L.A. Rams	2	5	0	.286	114 152

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Eastern					
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF PA
Buffalo	5	1	0	.833	136 77
Miami	5	1	0	.833	142 108
Indianapolis	2	4	0	.333	95 143
N.Y. Jets	2	4	0	.333	149 125
New England	1	6	0	.143	97 178
Central					
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF PA
Cleveland	5	2	0	.714	149 130
Pittsburgh	4	3	0	.571	168 120
Houston	3	4	0	.429	144 140
Cincinnati	0	7	0	.000	81 162
Western					
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF PA
Kansas City	5	1	0	.833	100 78
L.A. Raiders	4	2	0	.667	113 103
Seattle	4	3	0	.571	112 112
Denver	3	3	0	.500	149 118
San Diego	2	4	0	.333	84 127

Week 8

Sunday, Oct. 24
BYE: AFC West except Seattle,
NFC East except Phoenix
PACKERS 37, Tampa Bay 14
Atlanta 26, New Orleans 15
Buffalo 19, N.Y. Jets 10
Houston 28, Cincinnati 12

Cleveland 28, Pittsburgh 23
Detroit 16, L.A. Rams 13
Seattle 10, New England 9
San Francisco 28, Phoenix 14
Miami 41, Indianapolis 27
Monday, Oct. 25
Minnesota at Bears.....8 p.m.

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Packers, Bears line up to go at it.

—Steve Wpittmann photo

In the middle ...

Starting halfback Darrell Thompson, who had his first 100-yard game Sunday

— David J. Garot photo

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Lookin' good, 37-14

Packers avenge '92 loss

by Al Pahl
Managing Editor

TAMPA- Tampa Bay's Buccaneers paid for past transgressions here Sunday.

Using last year's 31-3 shellacking for part of their motivation, the Packers jumped to a 24-0 halftime lead.

Using the Dec. 10 Denver game as part of their motivation, the Packers didn't let up in the second half, despite 85-degree heat and 90-percent humidity, en route to a 37-14 victory.

"You don't feel mercy for any team that did what they did to us last year," said linebacker Johnny Holland.

Similar sentiments were expressed by a number of Packers, both during the week leading up to this game and after the victory — Green Bay's second in a row, which pulls the Packers even at 3-3 and leaves them 1-1 against Central Division opponents heading in Sunday's home game against arch-rival Chicago.

"Denver was a big win but we've got another Division game coming up," Holland said. "We'll cherish this win today but we have to come back again against Chicago."

Just as last year's game was on most players' minds, so was the Oct. 10 second-half collapse against Denver. That concern was best expressed by Brett Favre: "It was in your mind," he acknowledged, explaining the team's attitude coming out of halftime was "Let's come out and do the same thing we did in the first half."

"We were a little conservative (in the second half) but you have to be. We made a conscious effort to play like we did in the first half."

Said Holland, "Maybe we learned to settle down a little (in the second half). You can't let up. Your offense can't let up. Your defensive can't let up."

Besides the 1992 game here and the 1993 Denver game, a third piece of moti-



Darrell Thompson lowers his shoulder and drags a tackler on one of his 21 carries Sunday. His 105 yards stand as his career best as the Packers evened their record at 3-3 with a 37-14 win at Tampa.

— David J. Garot photo

vation mentioned by more than one Packer was a rumor they had heard before the game — that Tampa Coach Sam Wyche had guaranteed, in public, a victory over Green Bay.

Sharpe ties Hutson's record

Sterling Sharpe tied Don Hutson's team record of four touchdown receptions in a single game (see page 5); Darrell Thompson turned in the first 100-yard performance of his four-year career and the Packer defense, led by Bryce Paup's six tackles and two sacks (see page 6) keep the pressure on the Bucs, forcing three interceptions.

When we execute, we can win games."

Favre bullet is first touchdown

Neither team managed more than one first down in its initial drive.

On the fourth play of Green Bay's second possession, Favre found tight end Jackie Harris in the middle of the field. The pass was just a bit behind him but Harris hauled it in, then turned upfield and nearly sprinted all the way to the end zone. Free safety Jerry Gray finally chased him down at the Buc nine — some 51 yards from the line of scrimmage. The catch-and-run is Green Bay's second-longest of the season.

Two plays later, a Favre bullet threaded the needle between two defenders, hitting Sharpe in stride for an eight-yard touchdown. The Buccaneers had two men on Sharpe, both of whom could hardly have played any better. But they proved unable, on this particular play, to perform as well as Favre and Sharpe.

Butler, Buckley post interceptions

With 3:46 to play in the first quarter, Erickson was flushed by Green Bay's pass rush. Slipping while trying to avoid the green shirts, Erickson threw the ball up the right sidelines, woefully short of intended receiver Horace Copeland. Terrell Buckley stepped in front of Copeland, for his first interception of the season.

It was three-and-out for the Packer offense but Tampa had the ball for only one play before Erickson threw another interception. Bryce Paup and Matt Brock flushed Erickson from his backside. Safety LeRoy Butler broke in front of Ron Hall, making the interception in high gear and returning the ball 20 yards to the Buccaneer 11, where he was tackled by former teammate Vince Workman. Butler now leads the team in interceptions with two.

But on first down there, Sharpe was whistled for a false start. On first-and-15 from the 16, Favre threw a frozen rope in the middle for Mark Clayton which went off his hands and was intercepted by safety Joe King.

As the second quarter opened, Green Bay forced the Buccaneers to punt after

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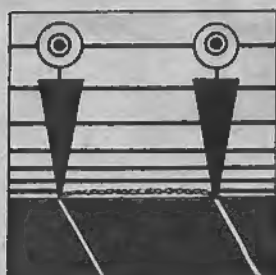
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GAME STATISTICS

SCORING SUMMARY

Green Bay Packers 7 17 6 7 37
Tampa Bay Buccaneers 0 0 7 7 14

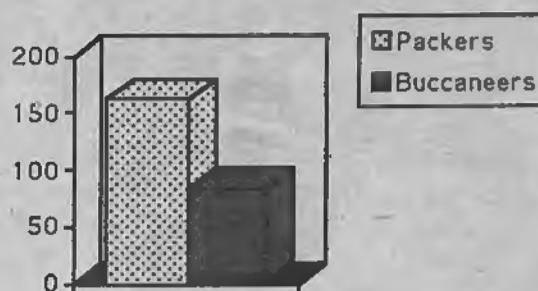
Packers, 1, 6:40, S. Sharpe 7-yard pass from B. Favre (C. Jacke, kick) (6-74, 2:35) 7-0
Packers, 2, 11:27, S. Sharpe 30-yard pass from B. Favre (C. Jacke, kick) (8-72, 3:00) 14-0
Packers, 2, 2:58, S. Sharpe 10-yard pass from B. Favre (C. Jacke, kick) (8-45, 4:46) 21-0
Packers, 2, 1:05, C. Jacke 50-yard field goal (4-7, 0:55) 24-0
Packers, 3, 10:19, C. Jacke 44-yard field goal (7-19, 3:17) 27-0
Packers, 3, 5:17, C. Jacke 24-yard field goal (9-62, 3:25) 30-0
Buccaneers, 3, 1:21, H. Copeland 26-yard pass from C. Erickson (M. Husted, kick) (8-89, 3:56) 30-7
Packers, 4, 14:11, S. Sharpe 32-yard pass from B. Favre (C. Jacke, kick) (5-46, 2:10) 37-7
Buccaneers, 4, 12:03, H. Copeland 67-yard pass from C. Erickson (M. Husted, kick) (6-78, 2:08) 37-14
Attendance: 47,354; Tickets Distributed: 52,041; Unused: 4,687; Time: 3:02
Weather: Clear to partly cloudy, chance of showers late; temperature: 85; Humidity: 90; Wind: NNE 10 mph

	Packers	Buccaneers
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	18	13
By Rushing	5	5
By Passing	12	6
By Penalty	1	2
3RD DOWN EFFICIENCY		
Made	8	2
Attempted	17	10
Percent Made	47%	20%
4TH DOWN EFFICIENCY		
Made	0	0
Attempted	0	0
Percent Made	0	0
TOTAL NET YARDS	421	246
Total Off. Plays	72	53
Av. Gain Per Play	5.8	4.6
NET YARDS RUSHING	162	84
Total Rushing Plays	34	20
Av. Gain Per Rush	4.8	4.2
NET YARDS PASSING	259	162
Yards Lost	10	19
Gross Yds. Passing	269	181
Attempts	36	31
Completions	21	12
Interceptions	1	3
Av. Gain Per Pass Pl.	6.8	4.9
PUNTS	5	8
Yards	234	294.4
Average	46.8	38.8
Had Blocked	0	0
PENALTIES	11	4
Yards	72	45
FUMBLES	2	2
Lost	1	1
TOUCHDOWNS	4	2
Rushing	0	0
Passing	4	2
Returns	0	0
FIELD GOALS MADE	3	0
Attempted	3	0
TIME OF POSSESSION	37:57	22:03

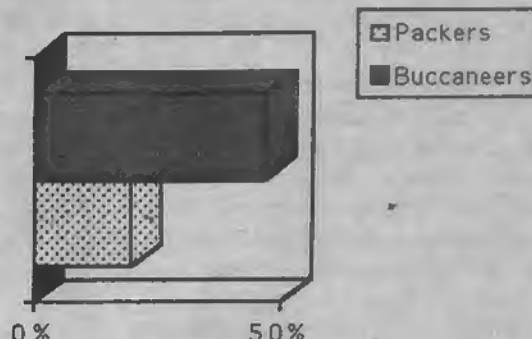
GREEN BAY PACKERS

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RUSHING		Att.	Net Yds.		Avg.	Long	TD		
Thompson		21	105		5.0	22	0		
Bennett		10	43		4.3	8	0		
Favre		2	9		4.5	9	0		
Sharpe		1	5		5.0	5	0		
PASSING		Att.	Com.	Yds.	TKD	Yds.	TD	LG	Had Int.
Favre		35	20	268	2	10	4	51	1
Sharpe		1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
PASS RECEIVING					No.	Yds.	LG	TD	
Sharpe					10	147	32	4	
West					3	32	14	0	
Clayton					3	26	10	0	
Bennett					2	7	5	0	
Brooks					2	6	5	0	
Harris					1	51	51	0	
INTERCEPTIONS					No.	Yds.	LG	TD	
Holland					1	30	30	0	
Butler					1	20	20	0	
Buckley					1	0	0	0	

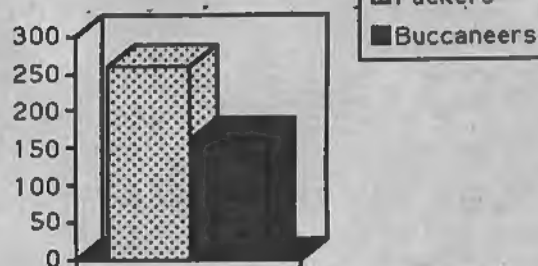
Rushing Yards



3rd-Down Conversions



Passing Yards



Time of Possession



	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TB	In 20	LG
PUNTING						
Wagner	5	234	46.8	2	0	56
PUNT RETURNS						
Buckley	3	4	23	15	0	
Out of bounds	1	0	0	0	0	
KICKOFF RETURNS						
Brooks	2	0	29	16	0	
Chmura	0	0	0	0	0	
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS						
	Att.	Net Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	
Cobb	15	52	3.5	12	0	
Copeland	1	22	22.0	22	0	
Anderson	3	7	2.3	3	0	
Erickson	1	3	3.0	3	0	

	Att.	Com.	Yds.	TKD	Yds.	TD	LG	Int.	Had
PASSING									
Erickson	20	8	151	0	0	2	67	2	
Deberg	11	4	30	2	19	0	10	1	
PASS RECEIVING									
Hall	4	38	16	0					
Copeland	2	93	67	2					
Workman	2	14	9	0					
Wilson	1	17	17	0					
Hawkins	1	10	10	0					
Cobb	1	6	6	0					
Armstrong	1	3	3	0					
INTERCEPTIONS									
King	1	28	28	0					
PUNTING									
Stryzinski	8	310	38.8	0	0	48			
PUNT RETURNS									
Anderson	3	0	15	9	0				
Touchback	2	0	0	0	0				
KICKOFF RETURNS									
Wilson	5	0	86	29	0				
Anderson	1	0	18	18	0				
Touchback	2	0	0	0	0				

GREEN BAY PACKERS

	T	A	SK	YL	INT.	PD	FR
Unofficial							
Paup	6	0	2.0	19.0	0	0	0
Holland	5	0	0.0	0.0	1	2	0
Koonce	5	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Simmons	3	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Jurkovic	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Buckley	2	0	0.0	0.0	1	1	0
Butler	2	0	0.0	0.0	1	2	0
Teague	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Brock	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Brown	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
White	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Coleman	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Evans	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	1	0
Hauck	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Mitchell	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Willis	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Wilson	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Winters	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

	T	A	SK	YL	INT.	PD	FR
Unofficial							
Carter	12	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Nickerson	8	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Jones	7	0	1.0	4.0	0	1	0
Mayhew	4	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Dotson	4	0	1.0	6.0	0	0	0
Thomas	3	1	0.0	0.0	0	1	0
Dubose	3	0	0.0	0.0	0	1	0
Gray	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Wilson	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Ahanotu	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	1	0
Bussey	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Curry	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	1
King	1	0	0.0	0.0	1	1	0
Anderson	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Seals	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Brownlow	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Copeland	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Wilson	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Workman	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0

Holmgren: Sharpe can do even better

by Al Pahl
Managing Editor

TAMPA - Years from now, discussion will turn to Packer receivers and the debate will be: Who was the all-time greatest?

The two names in nomination will be Sterling Sharpe and Don Hutson. James Lofton will likely be No. 3.

Sharpe has been rewriting Lofton's records. How many of Hutson's he will successfully assault remains to be seen. He tied one here Sunday.

Sharpe tied the team record of Hutson, who caught four touchdown passes Oct. 7 1945. Green Bay won that one too, 57-21, over the Lions in Milwaukee.

When Sharpe scored his fourth TD of the day, a 32-yarder with 14:11 left, it was his final reception of the afternoon, giving him 10 catches for 147 yards. Sunday was the first time any single opponent had scored four touchdowns in a single game against Tampa Bay.

Sharpe took on another of Lofton's bests en route, becoming the first Packer since 1983 to catch three touchdown passes in one game. Lofton did it Sept. 11, in a 25-21 loss to the Steelers at Lambeau Field.

Sunday was Sterling's 21st 100-yard receiving day, his second this season and his third against the Buccaneers.

'I throw. He catches. It happens'

He entered the game slightly ahead of his record pace of 1992, when he set an all-time NFL single-season mark with 108 catches. He flew to Tampa with 33 catches in five games, two more than he had after the same number of games last season.

He left town even farther ahead of the pace. Through six games now, Sharpe has 43 catches. He had 35 after six games a year ago.

"I throw. He catches. It happens," Favre said.

Favre said Sharpe didn't seem any more focused than usual. "He always plays hard," the quarterback said.

Coach Mike Holmgren admitted Sharpe "had a very good game," then added, "but there are still two or three things he could have done better, believe it or not."

When media discussion turned to the "great duo" of Favre and Sharpe, Holmgren put the brakes on. "Eventually," he said, "I think a quarterback and wide receiver have to play together a long time. I'm thinking about six, seven, eight or nine years. We've had two years."

What's this razzle-dazzle?

Using Sharpe to quarterback two plays didn't intimidate Favre. When he was asked what it was like to watch Sterling play quarterback, he replied, "I was hoping we would score, shoot."

It is no change of position which

Favre sees lasting into the future. "I can't play wide receiver," he pointed out. "We know that for a fact."

Sharpe had the most productive yardage performance of his six-year professional career in Tampa Stadium. It came Dec. 3, 1989, when he caught eight Don Majkowski passes for 169 yards and two touchdowns.

Favre is now the ninth passer in club annals to complete as many as 400 passes in a career. Arnie Herber has 416, Cecil Isbell has 419. Favre has 414 after his 20 completions here Sunday.

"Don't pat him on the back too much," Holmgren cautioned. "He did okay. He's capable of much better."

Ground attack comes online

Favre was happy to have the support of a ground attack and Holmgren was too. Darrell Thompson carried 21 times for 105 yards, a healthy average of five yards even. His longest run of the day, 22 yards, was his longest of the season.

"He did what we think he can do," Holmgren said.

Considering that injuries have kept three of the five starters out of action for varying lengths of time — an obvious deterrent to cohesive performance — the Packer offensive line entered Sunday's game with an impressive record, at least statistically speaking. Tom Lovat's group permitted only five sacks in the first five games — fewer than any other offensive line except the Colts, who yielded just three in the first five games.

Favre was sacked twice Sunday and broke tackles to elude sacks on other plays.

The last word

The last word on Sunday's game comes from Favre: "The effort's always been there. The execution has been a problem. Hopefully we have it together now."

"It's only going to get tougher. It will never be this easy again. We have to work even harder."



Sterling Sharpe caught 10 passes for 147 yards and four touchdowns Sunday at Tampa. The four scores tie a single-game team record for most touchdown receptions, set by Don Hutson, Oct. 7, 1945 in a 57-21 victory over Detroit at Milwaukee.

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Bryce Paup

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Greg Blache

Bryce Eric Paup, a quietly thoughtful citizen, was reflecting upon what a difference a year has made in his professional life.

What a dramatic difference...

Understandably gratified when informed his coaches had expressed satisfaction with his 1993 performance, Paup rejoined with characteristic brevity, "With things that transpired last year, it's nice to be doing some things right."

Asked to elaborate, he added, "A lot of it came from me holding out of training camp. I was way behind — I missed a lot of reps and there's no way you can make those up. And it showed in my play last year."

Being aboard from Day One this season has not been the only change in Paup's circumstances from last year to this. The absence of fellow linebacker Tony Bennett, who was locked in the longest holdout in Packer history as this issue of *Packer Report* went to press,



Bryce Paup finished Sunday with a team-leading six tackles, and two sacks for 19 yards in losses. No other Packer had a sack and no Buc had more than one.

— David J. Garot photo

Confirming the obvious, Paup acknowledged that increased playing time — he had been a situational performer much of last season after yielding his original starting position at 'buck' linebacker to George Koonce — also has contributed.

"That helped," he said, pointing out, "In practice, you get a lot of scout-team reps. But that's not the same — it's not like being under the gun in a game situation and seeing it at game speed. Just being out there has helped me get comfortable with the position."

Has not knowing if and when Bennett might return affected his approach? "No, not really," Paup rejoined. "Every week, I mentally get ready for him not to be here. If he does come back, great, because we could use him...But I just get myself mentally ready to play each game."

Talks regularly with Tony Bennett

In the interim, he and Bennett communicate regularly, Bryce admitted.

"We talk at least every other week — if not every week...to see what's going on with him," Paup informed. "And he likes to know what's going on with the team...I know I would be, if I were in his position."

On a related subject, a personal assessment of his play to date, Bryce observed, "I'm fairly happy with it so far. There's a few things I wish I could do and get accomplished. But the season is still young. You're always looking to improve on what you're doing."

"I'd like to get to the quarterback a few more times. I was used to rushing from the other side. Now I'm rushing from the right side, where the better (left) tackles are. So I've had to change some techniques. Getting used to rushing from

the other side takes awhile. It could have been faster, could have been better."

Defensive line coach Greg Blache, who tutors Paup on the pass-rushing aspects of the "elephant" position, has no fault to find with No. 95's contributions.

As might be expected, he acknowledges, "Naturally, you'd like to have both Tony and Bryce. (But) Bryce is a good football player. He plays super-intensely on every down and he's very professional in his preparation and his approach to the game."

Smiling, Blache added, "His head is always in the game. You stand beside him on the sideline and he knows what's going on on the field at all times, where a lot of guys have no idea what's happening. He has a real good feel for what's going on out there on the field...I'm impressed with him and I feel fortunate to have him."

"He improves every year. Each year, he comes back and does at least one or two phases of his game better than he did the year before."

Addressing the inevitable comparison, Blache said, "The thing that people apparently don't understand is that Bryce's role and Tony's role in our defense are two different roles." He continued, "People don't realize Bryce is a

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also has made an inevitable and substantial difference to date.

Making most of opportunities

Bryce, called upon to step in at the "elephant" position previously occupied by Bennett, has taken full advantage of the opportunity, responding to the challenge with a typically total commitment.

But he would be quick to acknowledge that it has not been an unmixed blessing. The media, for example, has consistently emphasized Bennett's absence throughout the protracted holdout, alleging the defense has been less effective without him, and there consequently has been little focus on Paup's contributions to the cause, even though they have been significant.

Asked if this state of affairs has bothered him, Paup admitted, "At first, it did. It kind of bugged me. They were always making comparisons...It's frustrating. (But) I just decided to heck with them. I can't control what they say."

"I turned it around to help me. It made me mad, so I just decided to concentrate on getting better, and I think it's helped me in the long run."

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Commentary

It's Darrell, not Dickerson

Nobody gets a hit in every at-bat.

Obviously not the mythical Mighty Casey. Not even the storied Babe Ruth.

And not Packer General Manager Ron Wolf, who has said that if he bats .250, he's doing a good job.

Give Wolf an at-bat (or is that two at-bats?) for the bye-week maneuvers which, as amended, resulted in sending running back John Stephens to Atlanta in exchange for cornerback Bruce Pickens.

But just as Mighty Casey did, Wolf struck out at procuring Eric Dickerson, a now-retired running back with a neck problem, who nonetheless is on his way to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

The Packers' starting halfback will be Darrell Thompson.

The funny thing about the week-long fiasco is that in the end, Wolf got what he had set out to get — an experienced corner (whom he has publicly said he doesn't expect to start right away) in an effort to compensate for the injury-forced loss of Corey Harris. But the Dickerson

while at the same time parting with only an undisclosed future draft pick in exchange for the guy they were going to declare their feature back. Somehow, it was like they would not have been paying enough for Dickerson and maybe too much for Pickens.

So the public announcement on Tuesday was Stephens for Dickerson and a draft pick for Pickens.

And this is where the situation gets even murkier. Tuesday, Wolf said "obviously we have protection in there (trade language) in case he doesn't pass our physical."

In the same breath, the general manager said Dickerson had told him he's "100 percent and we'll go with that. He told me that personally."

"He's been examined, I was told, by the foremost neck man in the United States and everything is fine."

That was Tuesday.

Thursday, Pack looked unprotected

On Wednesday, Oct. 13, media members expected to see Dickerson on the practice field, but were told he was still undergoing physical examinations and other trade-related meetings.

By Thursday, word came out Dickerson failed the physical because of a bulging disk in his neck.

With Wolf on the road, Coach Mike Holmgren met with the media and said, the Packers would get nothing, other than Pickens, out of the trading.

"The trade is done. John's there. We have to look for another back," Holmgren said.

An NFL source, meanwhile, said — apparently correctly — that even if the specific language of the trade did not call for returning players or some other form of compensation, it was still possible Atlanta might compensate the Packers.

"I'm sure you could appeal (to the NFL)," said Holmgren. "Like when I get mad about an (official's) call; there are ways to appeal and nothing ever (happens), all it does is frustrate you. We are not even thinking about that right now, to be honest. What's done is done."

Holmgren said it was his understanding the Packers could not get Stephens back. "Now, if there was some sort of agreement set up that I don't know about, between the clubs, or between the general managers, maybe there is a chance — but as far as I know right now, the deal is done."

Asked whether it's common for a team to leave itself unprotected in such a trade (as opposed to, for instance, making the trade contingent upon each player passing a physical for his new employer), Holmgren replied, "I wouldn't say it's common, but it's not unprecedented. I can remember situations in San Francisco where it happened, where you have two people who know each other and you do a deal and the deal's done, boom. Then something happens that no one knew or could count on, really."

"And you know what? The idea that if a trade did take place and it didn't work, then to return those players to their existing teams, I don't know if that's such a



ERIC DICKERSON
Packer doctors explained his neck problem better than anyone else.

great deal either. There are some feelings. I know John, when he left here, was hurt, or had feelings about that. And I understand those. It's never easy. Then to all of a sudden say, 'Not so fast! you have to go back,' I'm not sure that's the best thing either."

Friday, trade is amended

Friday, Oct. 15, the Packers issued a

statement in Wolf's name (he was still gone) saying the trade was amended. "It is, essentially, Bruce Pickens for John Stephens," Wolf was quoted as saying. "From the start, the conditional aspect of the transaction involved Eric Dickerson. There are, I might add, no other conditions or provisions."

All of which puts Thompson in a difficult position: The Packers' off-season actions said he wasn't good enough to be their starter when they brought in Stephens and put him ahead of Thompson. They said that again when they said they were going to change the offense for Dickerson and Haskell said "We didn't trade for him to sit on the bench."

Not that Stephens is gone and Dickerson slipped through their hands, the Packers are saying Thompson is good enough to be their starter.

"I have a lot of confidence in Darrell," Holmgren said.

Of course the head coach's words said that — even though the team's actions had spoken otherwise previously — what else could he say?

Packers fans should expect their favorites to draft a projected feature back in April and should pray Wolf hits a home run.

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sideshow along the way left Packer observers and fans shaking their heads.

Wolf phoned one of his best friends in the business, Falcon Vice President of player Personnel Ken Herock Monday, Oct. 11 looking for a corner.

Atlanta brought up Dickerson

Then Herock brought up Dickerson. "I really didn't go in with Dickerson in mind," Wolf told media members the next day, Tuesday Oct. 12. "As we talked, I said to myself, 'Why not?' The more I thought about it, it really sounded good."

Monday night, Wolf ran the idea past his coaching staff, which obviously includes running backs Coach Gil Haskell and offensive line Coach Tom Lovat. Lovat worked with Dickerson in Indianapolis and Haskell did so with the Rams. The decision was made to pursue Dickerson.

"I don't think it's any secret we are having a very difficult time running," Wolf explained, Tuesday, adding he expected Dickerson to take pressure off other members of the offense. "I think we had to do something to juice up our running game."

"The original deal, according to a source close to the Packers, was to be Pickens for Stephens. When Dickerson became part of the mix, the Packers, thought it would look bad to trade their leading runner for a corner who has started just eight games in 2 1/2 seasons

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6	Kevin Butler	K	6-1	190	30	9	Georgia
9	Shane Matthews	QB	6-3	192	23	R	Florida
10	Peter Tom Willis	QB	6-2	204	26	4	Florida State
17	Chris Gardocki	P/K	6-1	196	23	3	Clemson
20	Mark Carrier	S	6-1	192	25	4	USC
21	Donnell Woolford	CB	5-9	185	27	5	Clemson
22	Robert Green	RB	5-8	207	22	2	William & Mary
23	Shaun Gayle	S	5-11	202	31	10	Ohio State
24	Kevin Miniefield	CB	5-9	178	23	R	Arizona State
25	Keshon Johnson	CB	5-10	177	23	R	Arizona
26	John Mangum	S	5-10	178	26	4	Alabama
35	Neal Anderson	RB	5-11	215	29	8	Florida
36	Markus Paul	S	6-2	200	27	5	Syracuse
37	Maurice Douglass	S	5-11	202	29	7	Kentucky
38	Tim Worley	RB	6-2	225	26	4	Georgia
39	Jeremy Lincoln	CB	5-10	184	24	2	Tennessee
44	Bob Christian	RB	5-10	225	24	1	Northwestern
45	Craig Heyward	FB	5-11	260	26	6	Pittsburgh
47	Anthony Blaylock	CB	5-10	185	28	6	Winston-Salem St.
53	Dante Jones	LB	6-1	238	28	6	Oklahoma
54	Ron Cox	LB	6-2	235	25	4	Fresno State
55	Vinson Smith	LB	6-2	236	28	7	East Carolina
58	Jay Leeuwenburg	OL	6-2	290	24	2	Colorado
59	Joe Cain	LB	6-1	233	28	5	Oregon Tech
60	Gene McGuire	C	6-2	284	23	2	Notre Dame
62	Mark Bortz	G	6-6	282	32	11	Iowa
67	Jerry Fontenot	G/C	6-3	287	26	5	Texas A & M
69	Vernice Smith	G	6-3	298	27	5	Florida A & M
70	Troy Auzenne	T	6-7	290	24	2	California
71	James Williams	T	6-7	335	25	3	Cheyney St. (PA)
72	William Perry	DT	6-2	335	30	9	Clemson
73	John Wojciechowski	G/T	6-4	280	30	7	Michigan State
74	Albert Fontenot	DE	6-4	260	22	R	Baylor
75	Todd Perry	T	6-5	291	22	R	Kentucky
76	Steve McMichael	DT	6-2	268	35	14	Texas
78	Keith Van Horne	T	6-6	290	35	13	USC
80	Curtis Conway	WR	6-0	185	22	R	USC
81	Anthony Morgan	WR	6-1	195	25	3	Tennessee
83	Terry Obee	WR	5-10	188	25	1	Oregon
84	Chris Gedney	TE	6-5	254	23	R	Syracuse
85	Keith Jennings	TE	6-4	260	27	4	Clemson
86	Willie Harris	WR	6-1	193	22	R	Mississippi State
87	Tom Waddle	WR	6-0	185	26	4	Boston College
90	Alonzo Spellman	DE	6-4	282	21	2	Ohio State
91	Myron Baker	LB	6-1	221	22	R	Louisiana Tech
92	Barry Minter	LB	6-2	236	23	R	Tulsa
93	Trace Armstrong	DE	6-4	265	27	5	Florida
95	Richard Dent	DE	6-5	265	32	11	Tennessee State
96	Percy Snow	LB	6-2	250	25	4	Michigan State
97	Chris Zorich	DT	6-1	284	24	3	Notre Dame
98	Carl Simpson	DT	6-2	278	23	R	Florida State
99	Tim Ryan	DT	6-4	265	25	4	USC

Practice Squad

46	John Ivlow	FB	5-11	226	23	R	Colorado State
52	Jim Schwantz	LB	6-2	232	23	1	Purdue
63	Todd Burger	G	6-3	266	23	R	Penn State
89	Ryan Wetnight	TE	6-2	225	22	R	Stanford
94	Frank Kmet	DL	6-3	289	23	1	Purdue

Injured Reserve (out for year)

82	Wendell Davis	WR	5-11	188	27	6	LSU
88	Glen Kozlowski	WR	6-1	210	30	8	BYU

Reserve/PUP (out for first six weeks of season)

57	Tom Thayer	G	6-4	284	32	9	Notre Dame
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*Age as of Opening Day, 1993

Packers

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	How Acquired
4	Brett Favre	QB	6-2	218	23	3	Southern Mississippi	T-92 (All)
8	Mark Brunell	QB	6-1	208	22	R	Washington	D5a-93
9	Bryan Wagner	P	6-2	200	31	7	Cal State-Northridge	FA-92
11	Ty Detmer	QB	6-0	190	25	1	Brigham Young	D8a-92
13	Chris Jacke	K	6-0	200	27	5	Texas-E Paso	D6-89
20	Kevin Williams	RB	6-1	215	23	R	UCLA	FA-93 (Den)
24	Tim Hauck	S	5-11	185	26	4	Montana	PB-91 (NE)
25	Muhammad Oliver	CB	5-11	178	24	2	Oregon	FA-93
27	Terrell Buckley	CB	5-9	174	21	2	Florida State	D1-92
29	Marcus Wilson	RB	6-1	210	25	2	Virginia	FA-92
30	Corey Harris	DB	5-11	195	23	2	Vanderbilt	W-92 (Hou)
31	George Teague	DB	6-1	187	22	R	Alabama	D1b-93
33	Doug Evans	DB	6-1	188	22	R	Louisiana Tech	D6a-93
34	Edgar Bennett	RB	6-0	216	24	2	Florida State	D4-92
36	LeRoy Butler	S	6-0	205	24	4	Florida State	D2-90
39	Darrell Thompson	RB	6-1	217	25	4	Minnesota	D1b-90
44	Dexter McNabb	FB	6-2	245	23	2	Florida	D5a-92
45	Mike Prior	S	6-0	215	29	8	Illinois State	UFA-93 (Ind)
47	Roland Mitchell	CB	5-11	195	29	7	Texas Tech	PB-91 (All)
50	Johnny Holland	LB	6-3	235	28	7	Texas A&M	D2-87
52	Frank Winters	C/G	6-3	285	29	7	Western Illinois	PB-92 (KC)
53	George Koonce	LB	6-1	238	24	2	East Carolina	FA-92
54	Keo Coleman	ILB	6-1	255	23	2	Mississippi State	FA-93
56	James Willis	LB	6-2	235	20	R	Auburn	D5b-93
57	Rich Moran	G	6-3	280	31	9	San Diego State	D3-85
59	Wayne Simmons	LB	6-3	240	23	R	Clemson	D1a-93
62	Matt Brock	DE	6-6	280	27	5	Oregon	D3a-89
63	James Campen	C	6-3	280	28	7	Tulane	PB-89 (NO)
64	John Jurkovic	NT	6-2	285	25	3	Eastern Illinois	FA-9165
67	Paul Hutchins	T	6-5	335	27	R	Western Michigan	FA-93 (D-8b 93)
68	Joe Sims	T/G	6-3	310	24	3	Nebraska	FA-92
71	Gilbert Brown	DE	6-2	330	22	R	Kansas	W-93 (Min)
72	Earl Dotson	T	6-4	315	22	R	Texas A&I	D3-93
73	Tootie Robbins	T	6-5	315	35	12	East Carolina	FA-93
74	Doug Widell	G	6-4	280	26	5	Boston College	T-93 (Den)
75	Ken Ruettgers	T	6-6	290	30	9	Southern California	D1-85
76	Harry Galbreath	G	6-1	275	28	6	Tennessee	UFA-93 (Mia)
77	Bill Maas	NT	6-5	282	31	10	Pittsburgh	UFA-93 (KC)
80	Jackie Harris	TE	6-4	243	25	4	Northeast Louisiana	D4-90
81	Shawn Collins	WR	6-2	207	26	5	Northern Arizona	FA-93
83	Mark Clayton	WR	5-9	185	32	11	Louisville	UFA-93 (Mia)
84	Sterling Sharpe	WR	6-1	210	28	6	South Carolina	D1-88
85	Ron Lewis	WR	5-11	189	25	3	Florida State	FA-93
86	Ed West	TE	6-1	245	31	10	Auburn	FA-84
87	Robert Brooks	WR	6-0	174	22	2	South Carolina	D3-92
89	Mark Chmura	TE	6-5	242	24	1	Boston College	D6-92
90*	Tony Bennett	LB	6-2	243	25	4	Mississippi	D1a-90
92	Reggie White	DE	6-5	290	31	9	Tennessee	UFA-93 (Phil)
95	Bryce Paup	LB	6-5	247	25	4	Northern Iowa	D6-90
96	Shawn Patterson	DE	6-5	270	28	5	Arizona State	D2-88
97	Keith Traylor	LB	6-3	265	24	3	Central Oklahoma	FA-93
98	David Grant	NT	6-4	275	27	5	West Virginia	FA-93
99	Don Davey	DE	6-4	270	25	3	Wilcochain	FA-92 (D3a-91)

* Unsigned as of Oct. 24

Injured Reserve (out for season)

James Milling, WR (post concussion syndrome); Tom Neville G/C (Achilles); Brian Noble LB, (knee)

Reserve/physically unable to perform

Aug. 23: Mark D'Onofrio, LB (groin)

Reserve/Military (lost for season)

Aug. 23: Bob Kuberski, DL (Navy)

Practice squad

17	Craig Hentrich	P/K	6-3	200	22	R	Notre Dame	FA-93
26	Lionell Crawford	WR	5-10	185	23	R	Wisconsin	FA-93
40	Jason McGill	WR	5-11	195	23	R	Georgia Tech	FA-93
69	Malcom Showell	DE	6-6	275	21	1	Delaware State	FA-93
70	Charles Hope	T/G	6-3	300	23	1	Central State (OH)	FA-93

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Here come Da Bears!

Just as former President George Bush wanted a "kinder, gentler nation," Bears' owner Mike McCaskey wanted a kinder, gentler head coach.

As a result, Mike Ditka's turbulent 11-year reign was terminated at the end of last campaign. Enter soft-spoken Dallas Defensive Coordinator Dave Wannstedt.

Even though the personalities of Ditka and Wannstedt are like night and day, their coaching philosophies are close to being mirror images.

The difference is Ditka ruled through intimidation, while Wannstedt motivates players by enthusing and exciting them.

Ditka's style worked for awhile and paid dividends with a 1985 Super Bowl crown, but those tactics can work for only so long before change becomes inevitable.

Thus, when Green Bay hosts its arrival Sunday, it will be looking at a trademark Chicago team built on a hard-nosed defense and a punishing running attack.

To Wannstedt's credit, he recognized he still had some talent left over, including some grizzled veterans not quite ready to be put out to pasture.

He decided to blend his veterans and youngsters, doing something Windy City fans felt impossible. Wannstedt simply has made his club happy — and willing to bust their butts for him.

Early returns found the Bears rebounding for a trio of wins after dropping heartbreakers in their first two contests. Should Chicago have stopped Minnesota Monday night, coupled with a Detroit loss at Los Angeles Sunday, they would enter Sunday's contest in first place - a remarkable achievement on Wannstedt's part.

Sunday's affair will be the 145th in the NFL's longest and most-storied rivalry. The Bears have a 80-58-6 lead.

Worley is newest running back

Despite an ample amount of fan dissatisfaction with quarterback Jim Harbaugh, the seven-year Michigan vet has pleased Wannstedt enough with his work ethic to earn the nod over Peter Tom Willis and free-agent rookie Shane Matthews.

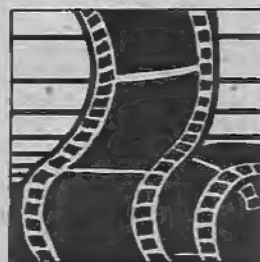
Through five games, Harbaugh was 74-of-120, for 740 yards and four TDs.

JIM BURGESS

His scrambling ability had also allowed him to gain 98 yards on 23 carries.

Four-time Pro Bowl halfback Neal Anderson appears to be coming into his own again with 272 yards in 80 attempts. Fullback Craig "Ironhead" Hayward, an unrestricted free agent from New Orleans, has opened some big holes blocking for Anderson, and also run for 114 yards.

The Bears are trying to find a role for



NEXT WEEK'S OPPONENT

Tim Worley after trading two conditional picks to Pittsburgh for him Oct. 20.

Worley, the 1989 first-round draft choice who's spent most of the past two seasons suspended for NFL drug-policy violations, had played in only two games in two seasons until he rushed for 32 yards on 10 carries through six 1993 games.

Harbaugh's receiving stable received a big jolt after Week Five when wideout Wendell Davis was lost for the season after undergoing surgery on both knees.

However, the loss was tempered somewhat by USC top draft choice Curtis Conway and his 4.40 speed. Also, last year's starting tight end Keith Jennings and third-round draft pick Chris Gedney have both returned from injuries.

Plus, the Bears have perhaps the NFL's top clutch wide receiver in Tommy Waddle, who makes up for a lack of speed with sure hands and desire.

Troy Auzenne returned to the lineup at left tackle Monday. His replacement, Jay Leeuwenburg, moved to the right side to replace the injured Keith Van Horne.

Steady Jerry Fontenot is the center, with Mark Bortz and John Wojciechowski at right and left guard, respectively. Wojciechowski bumps Vernice Smith, who had started the first five weeks.

Wannstedt has defense on a roll

The defense has sparkled, with 20 sacks and 11 turnovers in five games.

Rejuvenated right end Richard Dent led that sack parade with seven, while left end Trace Armstrong and young Notre Dame right tackle Chris Zorich each had four.

Left tackle Steve McMichael has long been a thorn in the Packers' side.

Middle linebacker Dante Jones has played well in the place of the legendary Mike Singletary, who retired at the end of last season. To wit: The six-year Oklahoma vet's club-leading 44 tackles through five games. The Bears have also added former Kansas City top draft choice Percy Snow to backup Jones.

Flanking Jones are vets Joe Cain and Vinson Smith. Louisiana Tech fourth-round draft choice Myron Baker has been nicknamed "Touchdown" after scoring TDs in Weeks One and Three.

Benefitting greatly from the pass rush is this solid secondary: Donnell Woolford and Anthony Blaylock on the corners and Shaun Gayle and Mark Carrier, at strong and free safety, respectively.

Overall, Wannstedt's scheme is working wonders — getting his front four off the ball and getting better penetration.

With the line pressure, Bear linebackers are freed for big plays, which makes passes target practice for interception-happy defensive backs. Hopefully, this won't be a bad omen for a Packer passing game that has yet to get untracked.

Butler, Gardocki kicking well early

Veteran placekicker Kevin Butler is off to a solid start, connecting on eight-of-ten three-pointers mostly from long range.

Young punter Chris Gardocki carries only a 38.2 yard average, but pinned the Eagles three times inside their 20-yard line in Week Five.

Free agent Terry Obee has assumed both punt and kickoff return chores.

Packers-Bears

There is a lot of history in this here rivalry

Let's kick the Packers and Bears around a little in today's homily. First, an easy quiz:

Mike Ditka coached the Bears for 11 seasons but he only coached 10 seasons against the Packers. How come?

Ditka took over the Bears in 1982 and the Packer-Bear Series was wiped out that year by the player strike. Thus, Mike's first brush with Green Bay was in 1983. Incidentally, the Pack won that starter in Packerville, 31-28, and the Packers, under Mike Holmgren, won Ditka's last Packer appearance in Chicago by 17-3.

ART DALEY



Mike had the edge, though. He coached 20 games vs. Green Bay and won 15. He worked against four Packer coaches — Bart Starr in '83; Forrest Gregg '84-87; Lindy; Lindy Infante '88-91; and Holmgren.

As you know, Ditka won't be on the sidelines when these two old rivals battle in Game 145 at Lambeau Field Sunday.

Ditka has been replaced by Dave Wannstedt, who, like Ditka, was a former Cowboy assistant.

11 Bear coaches, but 14 changes

Wannstedt is the 11th head coach of the Bears, just as is Holmgren of the Pack. However, the Bears have had something like 14 head coaching changes. Most unusual:

George Halas, who started the Bears back in '20, took over as head coach four different times. He teed off with 10 years as the head honcho, then turned the reigns over to Ralph Jones, who installed the T-formation, in 1930. George took over again in 1933 but then stepped aside for Naval service in WW2. He replaced co-coaches in 1946, coached 10 years and then sidelined himself in favor of Paddy Driscoll for two years before finishing with a nine-year stint.

Halas closed out his coaching career in 1967 and then hired five coaches — Jim Dooley in 1968, Abe Gibron in '72, Jack Pardee in '75, Neill Armstrong in '78 and Ditka in '82 — a year before he died at age 88. Thus, the "old man" missed the Bears' one and only Super Bowl appearance in 1985.

Packers-Bears = love-hate

The Packers and Bears have had a hate-love relationship for decades. Well, maybe not love but perhaps admiration. Psychiatrists say there's a fine line between love and hate. There was a bygone day when folks here really hated the Bears but yet the feeling was that if the

Packers can't win the title, it would be good if the Bears won it.

Somehow a lot of those old measuring sticks don't apply to this modern Packer-Bear business — like next Sunday's game, for example. I can't imagine Holmgren glaring at Wannstedt or vice versa. Yet, this is pro football's version of an Army-Navy game.

The founders of the two teams, Halas and Earl Louis (Curly) Lambeau, really didn't like each other. They rarely spoke and a picture of the two of them together was most rare. Yet they had much respect for each other.

Halas actually had a soft spot in his heart for the Packers. The Packers loaned him \$1,500 to get him out of a financial bind in the 1930s. Halas came to Green Bay to help sway the vote in favor of borrowing money for a new stadium in 1957. And he was among the mourners and a pallbearer at Lambeau's funeral in 1965.

Would you eat Bear food?

Green Bay showed its enormous respect for Halas when a huge banquet was held in his honor. Vince Lombardi was among the

speakers and he chided George: "Don't you think you should have brought some food tasters before sitting down and eating here?"

In 1962, the Packers beat the Bears, 49-0, in Green Bay and later Lombardi said "I hated to beat George that bad." The Pack also won the rematch in Chicago, 38-7, but Halas got his revenge in 1963. His Bears went on to win the NFL title. Chicago finished 11-1-2; the Pack 10-2-1.

The Packer-Bear rivalry was always heated and both teams had their share of meanies and/or enforcers — especially in the early days. There was a time when folks in Green Bay referred to the Chicagoans as "the dirty Bears." Most times it was "the damn Bears." When old-time Packers talked about their playing days they always refer to a Bear game.

Ditka put a lot of "hate" in the Packer-Bear series during his time and some of that resulted from his unhappiness with Packer Coach Forrest Gregg. They played against each other in many a Packer-Bear game and later coached together at Dallas.

I always felt that the unkindest cut came on a Monday night game when Ditka had

his then-famed defensive tackle, William Perry, score a TD from a yard out. In the rematch at Green Bay he had Perry go out and score on a short pass. Then a year or so later Ditka refused to give his great meal ticket, Walter Payton, the ball on a short plunge for a TD in his Super Bowl win over New England.

Come to think of it this is a Bear anniversary for this old scribe. Twenty-five years ago, Dec. 15, 1968, the Bears and Packers played their 100th game. It was in Wrigley Field and the Packers won, 28-27.

Halas honored some of the veteran newspapermen by giving each an inscribed wrist watch and, would you believe, I am still wearing it. George ran a jewelry store in downtown Chicago at the time.

It took a spell but I just discovered that the so-called 100th Packer-Bear game really was the 99th. The 100th game was in Green Bay Sept. 21, 1969.

NFL and Packer records show the Packers and Bears playing 16 games in the 1920s, 24 in the 1930s, 21 (including a Western Division playoff) in the 1940s, 20 in the 1950s and 18 (through 1968) in the 1960s. Adds up to 99! Have a hunch George just decided to make it No. 100 rather than do it in Green Bay the next year.

Chance excites Thompson

Halfback Darrell Thompson has always tried to go placidly amid the haste. The former first-round pick prefers to keep a low media profile, and simply — literally — take the ball and run with it.

He has continued to take that tack the past two weeks as unusual events unfolded around him. The attendant publicity spotlight bobbed and weaved near Thompson, who started the bye week in its shadow but finds himself increasingly now in the glare.

At first he thought he might be out of work when he learned his employer had traded for Eric Dickerson. Then he figured he'd be playing behind Dickerson. Now he finds himself the starting halfback.

"I'm excited about the opportunity, I just have to take advantage of it,"

Thompson said Oct. 15. "It feels really good. The Lord works in mysterious ways. I gotta hang in there and do what I did during training camp. Now I'm getting the opportunity."

Thompson sees this as an opportunity for the Packers to improve their running game. "It definitely is," he said. "We are going to make a commitment to it, it looks like, so I'm excited about the opportunity, definitely."

Is there pressure on Thompson to perform well in the next couple of games in order to retain the starting slot? "Definitely," said Thompson, who already had gotten increased playing time against Dallas and Denver. "You've got to perform, or else you won't be here anyway. You know that coming into it."

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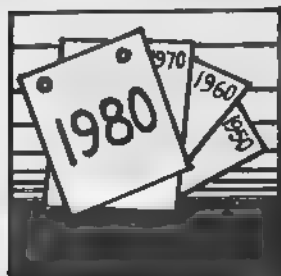
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WHATEVER HAPPENED TO:

Carlos Brown

First, he became Alan Autry, then 'Bubba'

by Jerry Poling

A straight-shooting, good ol' boy Packer quarterback from the deep South is having a pretty good fall season — but it's not Mississippi native Brett Favre.

Would you believe Carlos Brown?

Former Packer quarterback Carlos Brown, alias Alan Autry, is into his sixth season enforcing the law on the acclaimed TV show, "In the Heat of the Night," set in the city of Sparta, Miss.

That's right — "Deputy Bubba Skinner," now considered one of TV's handsomest hunks, used to be a Packer.

In 1975, Bart Starr's first year as coach, Brown, the 10th-ranked college passer in the nation, was drafted by the Packers in the 12th round out of University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif. He played two seasons — including a stint as starter late in 1976 — before the Packer directors said, "Cut!"

Now at age 41, he's become one of network TV's most popular supporting actors, playing the muscular, no-nonsense sidekick to Carroll O'Connor (Chief Bill Gillespie) in the long-running drama, which last year switched from NBC to CBS. He has had numerous other roles in films and TV shows.

As a football player, the southern connection is about all Brown has in common with Favre, the Packers' young Pro Bowl passer. Brown was born in Shreveport, La.; Favre comes from Hancock County, Miss. Brown is the stereotypical redneck cop; Favre's nickname is "Country." Both men have native-Mississippi accents.

That's where the comparisons end. Brown threw just 78 passes as a Packer, and only 29 were complete. He had three TD passes and six interceptions.

Vikings, Steelers create alternative-employment need

"If a quarterback can remember explicitly every one of his touchdowns and lose track of his interceptions, he might want to get out of the business," Brown said recently in a telephone interview from Los Angeles, when asked to recall his football career.

"The Purple People Eaters (Vikings) and the Steel Curtain (Steelers) made an actor out of me in a hurry."

In 1981, about the time he got a break and began his acting career, Brown met his father for the first time and took his father's surname, Autry. He was born Carlos Alan Autry, but when his parents divorced he grew up with his mother's name of Brown.

"I'm legally entitled to both names. You can still call me Carlos in Green Bay. Tell Packer fans it's nothing personal," said Autry, who said he's not sure if he's related to Hollywood legend Gene Autry.



ALAN AUTRY
Former Packer QB Carlos Brown
sees many parallels between ath-
letics, acting.

Brown's "chance" as a Packer QB came late in the 1976 season. With veteran QB Lynn Dickey injured, Brown started Games 11, 12 and 13. He completed just one-third of his passes and the Packers lost all three games.

To his credit, consider that those three games were played in foul late-season weather. In one against the Vikings, Brown led a 74-yard scoring drive which briefly tied the score on a frigid November day in old Metropolitan Stadium in Bloomington.

"I think I played in the second-coldest game on record there. The only thing colder was my statistics," Brown said with a laugh.

"I can't look at snow again, but outside of that I have no psychological scar-rings" from playing in Green Bay, Brown says.

Realizes now he didn't have NFL tools

The next year, 1977, Dickey was healthy again and the Packers drafted QB David Whitehurst in the eighth round. Brown was rooming with Whitehurst in training camp when Coach Starr called with the bad news. "The phone rang at 7 in the morning and David answered it. He said, 'Hey, Brown, it's for you.' I was hoping he would stay on the phone a little longer."

Brown remembers going into Starr's office and being complimented by Starr as a hard-working player, but Brown also remembers being very upset. "I said something like I'd come back to haunt you. But I didn't know at the time that it

would be on the television screen with one of my performances," Brown joked.

He realizes now he simply wasn't experienced or talented enough to play quarterback in the NFL because he only played the position two years in college.

"I look at it now and I really wasn't blessed with all the tools. I had a strong arm, but my big thing was I didn't have experience. The NFL was not a place to learn on the job."

"It's a hard thing to say I wasn't ready for it, but I tell you: It prepared me for other things in life, especially the acting business," Brown said.

At age 24, Brown tried to revive his career. He signed with the Rams and played briefly. He then played one season in the Canadian Football League, but admits "I had just gotten engaged. I needed the money and they offered me \$5,000 to sign."

Director Altman is a football fan

Shortly thereafter he met football fan

and Hollywood director Robert Altman, who offered Brown a part in the film "Remember My Name." Brown was told that if he could read, the part was his.

Although he grew up poor and came from an uneducated family, Brown hardly was the stereotypical dumb athlete. He got the part.

Brown had a B.A. from Pacific and apparently had as much natural acting talent as athletic talent. After the Altman offer, Brown began to study acting intensively and began to get plenty of offers.

His square jaw, rugged looks and 6-foot-3, 220-pound frame didn't hurt.

He appeared in several big-screen films with noted actors, including "Amazing Grace and Chuck" (with Gregory Peck); "Southern Comfort" (with Keith Carradine); North Dallas Forty (with Nick Nolte); and "Popeye" (with Robin Williams). And he also landed guest appearances on popular TV series like "Cheers," "Newhart," and "St.

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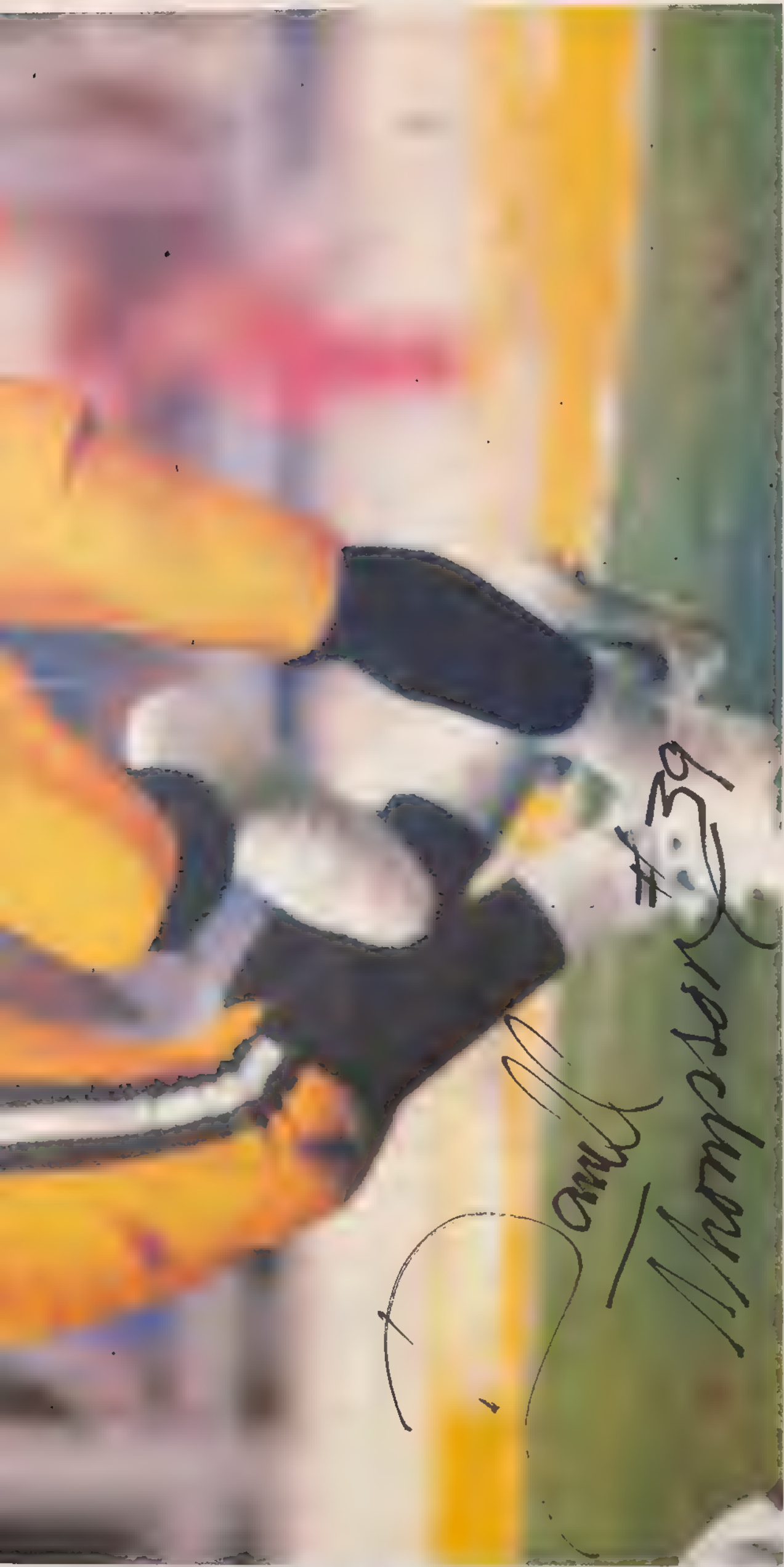
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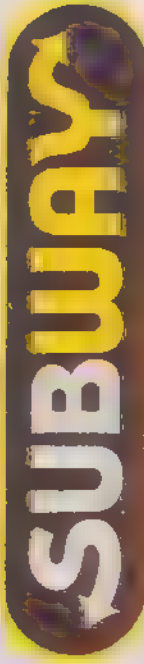




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Family Spotlight

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Stacy Jane Brunell

Wife of rookie quarterback Mark

Born - Aug. 26, 1969. Bellevue, Wash.

College - University of Washington, speech communications major.

Family - Husband Mark, daughter Caitlin, age: 16 months.

The last book I read was - "The Client" by John Grisham

A movie I'd recommend to my friends is - "In the Line of Fire" starring Clint Eastwood.

My favorite hobbies are - Running, water skiing and spending time with my family.

My occupation is - Full-time wife/mother. Part-time high-school track coach.

The thing I like about football is - Watching Mark play.

The things I like best to do with my family are - Going on vacation to California or Seattle to visit our families

I would describe my husband as - My best friend. Mark is caring, fun to be with, hard-working and he makes me laugh all the time.

I would describe myself as - Energetic, out-going and trustworthy.

My favorite pieces of advice to give people are - Follow your Heart! And Proverbs 3:5-6, which says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence rely not; In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths."

The most influential people in my life are - My mom and dad. They are the most supportive and loving parents. They have been there for me through good and bad times and are a very big part of my life.

My greatest personal accomplishment - Finishing college as a mother, wife and athlete.

Who is/was the world's greatest leader and why - Jesus!! No need to explain.



An interesting parallel between Stacy Brunell — pictured here with daughter Caitlin and husband Mark — and former Packer wife Rachel Bush is: Both were athletes at the University of Washington when they met their future husbands, who both played football there.

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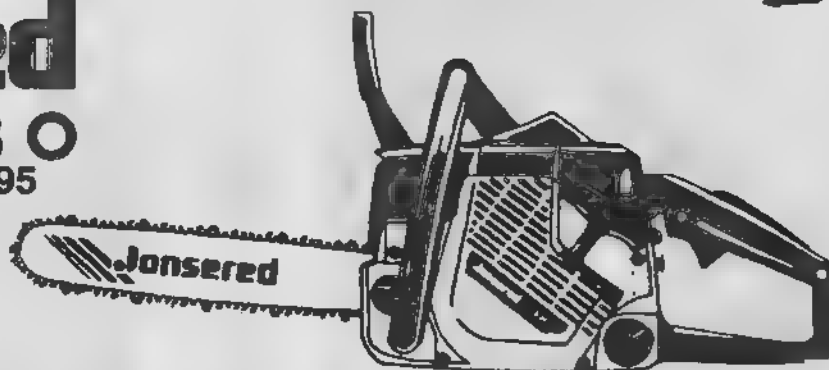
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Coffman, Ellis, Kelly make Hall of Fame

A pair of unheralded free agents from Big Eight schools and a member of the "hungry Five" are the newest inductees to the Packer Hall of Fame. Former players Paul Coffman, Gerry Ellis and contributor Dr. W. Weber Kelly will be honored at the annual Packer Hall of Fame Induction Banquet Saturday, March 12 at the Embassy Suites Regency Conference Center in downtown Green Bay.

Tight end Coffman (No. 82) wasn't drafted out of Kansas State in 1978. He signed a free-agent contract with the Packers. Coffman replaced Rich McGeorge as the starting tight end the following year and went on to become the top pass-catching tight end in Packer history. The three-time Pro Bowler ranks sixth on the Packers' all-time receiving list and 17th on the all-time scoring list.

After leaving the Packers in 1985, Coffman went on to play for the Vikings and Chiefs before retiring in 1987. Coffman currently resides in Peculiar, Mo. and is a sales representative in the Kansas City area for Russ Meyer Supply, a manufacturer and distributor of industrial chemicals and cleaners.

Ellis (No. 31) came to Green Bay as a free agent in 1980 after being cut by the Rams and continues to live in Green Bay. The former standout Missouri running back is one of only three players to be in the top 20 on the Packers' all-time lists for rushing, receiving and scoring (Paul Hornung and Jim Taylor are the others). The Packers' fifth all-time leading rusher owns an average of 4.6 yards per carry,



Former teammates Paul Coffman (82) and Gerry Ellis will have a lot to laugh about again on March 12, when they are inducted into the Packer Hall of Fame, along with a member of the famed "Hungry Five," the late Dr. W. Weber Kelly.

the best among the top five rushers.

The late Dr. Kelly becomes the final member of the famed "Hungry Five" to be inducted. Kelly, along with Curly Lambeau, Andrew Turnbull, Jerry Clifford and Lee Joannes, saw the Packer franchise through its early years and numerous financial difficulties. It was said the quintet was always begging on

behalf of the team and so they were given the moniker of the "Hungry Five."

The former team doctor also served the Packer Corporation as a member of the Executive Committee for more than 25 years, including a stint as team president during the 1929 season.

For more information regarding the March 12 ceremonies, contact the Packer

Hall of Fame at (414) 499-4281.

'Howl-Off' set for Oct. 31

During the 1992 season, references were made to the Packers as "Ron Wolf's Pack."

A small group of fans began to howl like wolves whenever the Packers made a good play. "It was fun and no one called the police, so it became a Sunday tradition," one remarked.

This fun has been turned into a song and is now under consideration as the 1993 official song of America's Pack, which purchased the song's rights. Written by Dan Gremmer and performed by "The Howlers," the song features an echoing howl. It has become unmistakable to many Packer fans and will be featured at America's Pack home tailgate parties.

The official fan club of the Packers intends that the song and howling contribute to a "new level of excitement and fan enthusiasm this season. With more than 60,000 'howling mad' Packer fans, the team will undoubtedly receive support from the 12th man."

America's Pack is planning a howling contest and a "Howl Off" on the night of the Packer-Bear game, "Howl-o-ween."

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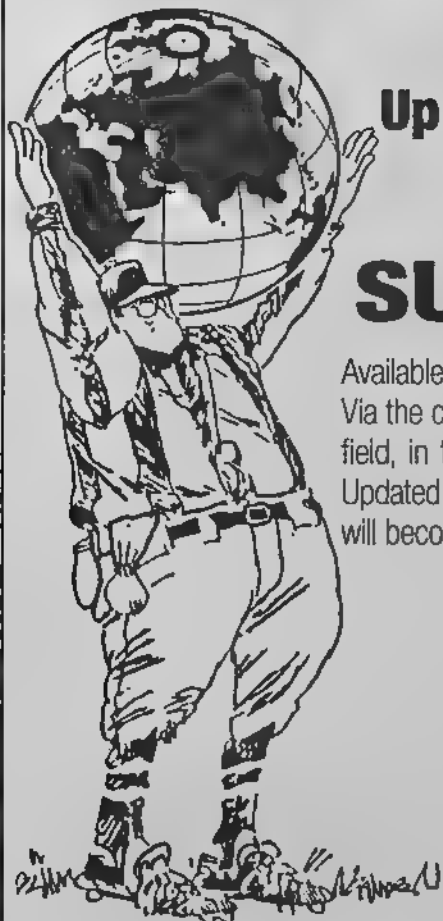
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Elsewhere."

He was cast in the NBC mini-series "The Great Los Angeles Earthquake", and his TV movies include "Countdown," "Street of Dreams," "Proud Men," and "Blue Deville."

In addition, he's written and sold two screenplays, which he expects will be made into movies

'Bubba' is compilation of many men

In 1988, he landed the "In the Heat of the Night" role. The show has never enjoyed high ratings but which has been acclaimed as one of the best dramatic network TV series. His everyman role as "Bubba" not only gave him steady work eight months out of the year but made him one of the most recognizable faces on television.

He receives large amounts of fan mail, partly owing to *TV Guide's* ranking him in 1991 as one of "TV's handsomest hunks," and partly to the way he plays "Bubba."

"I think 'Bubba' is somebody most people can relate to. People either have known somebody like him or can sit down and talk with the guy. The guy means what he says," Brown says.

Brown admits "Bubba" embodies a lot of himself and a little of many people who have influenced him.

"I've kind of combined characteristics from my dad, grandpa, coaches. It's a conglomerate of traits of people I've admired, complete with the faults they've had also. There's even a little of Coach Starr and Lombardi in there," Brown says.

Of Starr, Brown says: "I learned a lot from him on how to conduct myself. I put him up there on the top of the list with people who have meant so much to me."

Autry knows race relations first-hand

One of the themes of "In the Heat of the Night" is black-white race relations. Brown, who moved to California's Central Valley with his mother when he was 2, remembers picking cotton alongside blacks. His family was poor, and he didn't have a phone until he went to college on an athletic scholarship. He was the first member of his family to go to college.

"I get mad when I hear blacks say I don't understand. I can relate to a poor black man better than I can to a rich white man," he once said in an Associated Press interview.

"We didn't have much," Brown says. "We had a lot of love."

Now that he's played "Bubba" for six years, Brown said he is ready to move on to another role in the near future.

But he still has the desire to act.

"I'm the kind of guy who needs a passion. Acting got my juices flowing kind of like athletics did. There are enough similarities with how it made me feel that I really didn't have a choice but to be passionate.

"There are so many ups and downs in

the business that you have to have a burning drive to do it," he said.

Brown has been divorced for eight years and has a 12-year-old daughter, he said.

He has been active in supporting anti-drug programs. He once turned down a big contract to be a spokesman for a brewery because he does not drink alcohol.

He lives in Northern California, where he loves to sing country music and follow the Packers.

"They're my team. Once a Packer always a Packer. I'm really behind Coach Holmgren," he said.

Brown stays in touch on occasion with some of his ex-teammates, including running back Willard Harrell. He spoke often with linebacker Tom Toner before Toner died of cancer several years ago.

Paup

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talent in his own right...He has different talents than Tony does. You're comparing apples and oranges — they're two different-type players.

"I'm darned glad to have Bryce and I know a lot of coaches around the league would love to have Bryce. He's not flashy, he doesn't say a word. He just brings his lunch pail and gets the job done.

"What's he been in this league, four years?...There's never been a snap where you could say Bryce was not giving 100 percent."

Valesente likes multi-talented Paup

Linebackers Coach Bob Valesente, who schools Paup as well, is equally high on the Northern Iowa alum.

"Bryce has developed more into a complete linebacker during this past year," Valesente said. "He's shown tremendous gains in his footwork and coverage skills. And all of the credit has to go to him because he's worked extremely hard to overcome some of the problems he experienced last year.

"The 'elephant' position is a very special position and it takes a special person to play it. You have to have a lot of tools in order to play it.

"It's a cross between a defensive end and a linebacker. With his explosive pass rush, Bryce is ideal for the position. With Tony out, of course, we needed somebody to play it, and Bryce has just done a tremendous job, as far as taking that position and making it very productive. I'm very pleased.

"Bryce is a unique individual. He can do a lot of things — he's very versatile. If he continues to improve as an outside linebacker, that position will be very productive for us."

Paup, who has played all four linebacker positions over time, was asked if the "elephant" role might be the one he is best suited for.

"Right now, I like to think that I'm getting better at the coverage aspect," he replied. "I might be comfortable at inside 'backer, or at the 'buck' 'backer, which Wayne (Simmons) is playing. But right now, I'm comfortable with the position I'm playing. Not that I'm satisfied with everything I'm doing...You're always



It was NFL pass rushes like this which helped former Packer quarterback Carlos Brown consider the idea of alternative employment.

— Vernon J. Biever file photo

thinking about getting better.

"If you're one-dimensional," Paup added, elaborating on this point, "your days are numbered. Like last year, when things didn't work out (he began the season as the starting 'buck' or left outside, 'backer). I just decided it wasn't going to happen again."

Paup has found being able to concentrate on one position has greatly simplified his professional life.

"Last year, I played all four positions in different games," he pointed out. "It does help to be able to concentrate on one. Last year, when I had to learn all the positions, sometimes you were thinking out there instead of reacting.

"Basically, this year it eliminates most of the thinking because I can concentrate on one position. I can react right at the moment instead of having to think about it and being tentative."

As might be expected, the somewhat laconic Iowan likes the flexibility his current role affords him.

"In the 'nickel,' I move down to the left tackle," he explained. "And we have some defenses where I can move around a little bit...I like trying to catch people off guard."

'Always looking for a good deal'

Though things are looking up for Paup professionally, life has not been as pleasant for his family back in his native Scranton, Iowa, located 100 miles northwest of Des Moines.

"They had a lot of roads washed out during the floods last spring and summer," Bryce reported. "There were like 64 road washouts in Green County, the county I'm from. A lot of crops got washed out. Later on, a lot of 'em got hauled out. So it's been a rough year for them.

"It made it difficult for my dad," Paup went on. "He does custom spraying and, with the hail and the wind, it took some of his business away."

Away from football, Bryce is a devout family man who lists as a favorite hobby "playing with Alex," his son, who was born the morning of the Packers' 1991 game with the Vikings in Green Bay and will be 2 years old Nov. 17.

"The other day, I took him outside and we kicked the ball around for about an hour-and-a-half," Paup confided with a fond fatherly smile. "He got a big kick out of it."

Bryce has another major hobby — working on cars, one that he exercised

for modest profit earlier this year.

"Last spring, I bought a '71 Camaro," he reported, "and I had it for two or three months. I pulled the engine, painted it and the engine compartment and cleaned up the interior. Then I sold it...made about \$500 or \$600.

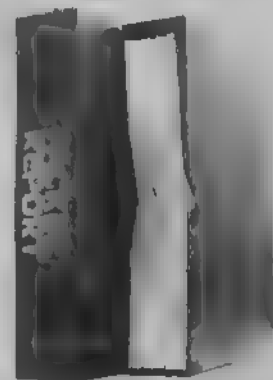
"I think I found another one I might be able to get hold of," Paup confessed. "But, you know, I'm always looking for a good deal."

And the lady of the house, Denise, how does she feel about such projects?

"She doesn't really care," Bryce replied with a knowing smile. "as long as I don't go overboard and spend a lot of money on it."

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Patterson, Campen lost for year

by Al Pahl
Managing Editor

The season is over for defensive end Shawn Patterson and the sixth-year veteran's career is questionable.

The season is also over for center James Campen.

Patterson will have his third knee reconstruction surgery Tuesday. A torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) was discovered this week through magnetic resonance imaging, Trainer Pepper Burruss said Thursday.

It is the second time around for his left knee, in which he also tore the ACL in 1989. He missed all of last season because of reconstructive surgery on his right knee. He tore that ACL on the third play of the first pre-season game a year ago.

The Arizona State alum has played in only 48 of the Packers' 85 games since they drafted him on the second round in 1988. A sprained medial collateral ligament in his right knee limited him to 11 games in 1991 and a hamstring injury forced Patterson to miss five games in 1990.

Considering his extensive injury history, it appears to put the 29-year-old's career in doubt. His current contract expires at the end of this season. The Oahu, Hawaii native was married Feb. 20 to Green Bay native Jackie Moran and the couple is expecting their first child in January.

Burruss said Patterson suffered the latest injury late in practice Tuesday.

"It was not a big event," he said Thursday. "He did not call anyone's attention to it until he came into the training room."

In fact, Wednesday Burruss had told one reporter, "We wanted to reassure him that his knee was OK, so (team physician Patrick McKenzie) scheduled the MRI."

"It's too bad," Coach Mike Holmgren said. "He wasn't doing anything. He was just running in practice. We can't catch a break."

Patterson, who started the first three games of the season and played extensively in the last two, lost his starting job in Game Four to training-camp holdout Matt Brock, who will continue to man the position. Best-known for his pass-rushing quickness, Patterson has played since then mostly in passing situations and has one sack for the year. He is currently ninth on the squad with 15 tackles. He had eight tackles and one sack against Philadelphia Sept. 12.

Campen has surgery Oct. 19

Campen, who injured his right hamstring in the Oct. 3 game at Dallas, had surgery Tuesday. Burruss said he would miss the remainder of the regular season.

"The surgery went exactly as planned," the trainer said. "James tore one portion of the outside hamstring away from the tendon in his right leg. In the surgery, the muscle was sutured back to the tendon."

"James will be in the hospital for a couple of days and probably be immobilized for a few weeks, then will begin his rehabilitation."

Dr. McKenzie performed the surgery.

Packers sign rookie RB

Rookie Kevin Williams is the man taking the roster spot held by John Stephens and reserved for Eric Dickerson (who'd have worn No. 21 here).

Williams was signed off the Broncos' practice squad Tuesday, Oct. 19. The 6-foot-1, 215-pounder (same dimensions as Stephens) was drafted out of UCLA by Denver in the fifth round in April. He was waived Aug. 30 in the final cuts and signed to the practice squad the next day.

An All-Pac 10 selection in each of his last two seasons, Williams led the conference in rushing in 1991 with 1,141 yards in 191 attempts and closed his UCLA career with a 5.5-yard rushing average, gaining 2,163 yards overall and scoring

21 touchdowns

Along the way, he tied a UCLA record set by Gaston Green by posting five 100-yard rushing games as a junior. His career best was 210 yards against Oregon that season.

Williams, who also lettered in track, won the conference 100 meter title as a sophomore in 10.65 seconds. He will wear No. 20 for the Packers.

"He's got big-time speed," Packer Pro Personnel Director Jesse Kaye told the *Milwaukee Sentinel*. "He's not a finished product. He has to learn certain things about a pro offense and running the ball. But he's got some tools to work with."

"He was the best combination of talent and what was available," said Kaye, noting the Packers weighed the benefits

of getting a more experienced back. "He's a big, fast guy. A lot of potential."

Bennett to stay at FB

The Packer staff talked about the possibility of using Edgar Bennett at halfback but decided he was playing too well at fullback to be moved, running backs Coach Gil Haskell told the *Milwaukee Sentinel*, Tuesday, Oct. 19.

"We've got one good position (fullback) -- you can't screw that one up," Haskell said. "He is a young kid and if he has to play two positions then he's all aflutter."

"The blocking is different and the runs are different. It's not like he's a five-year veteran. The guy's only played a year and five games."



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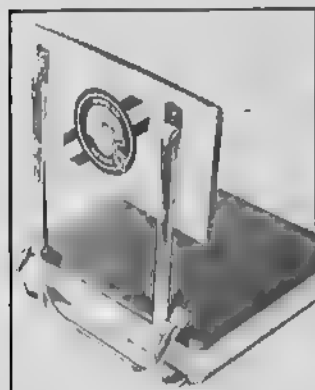
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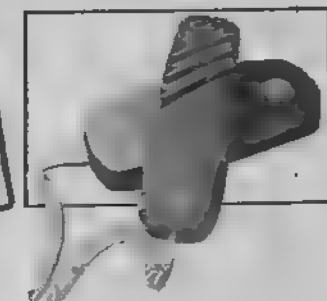
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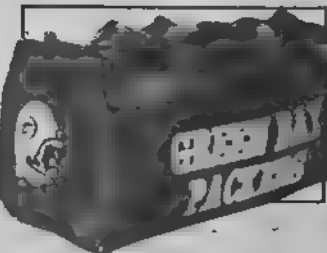
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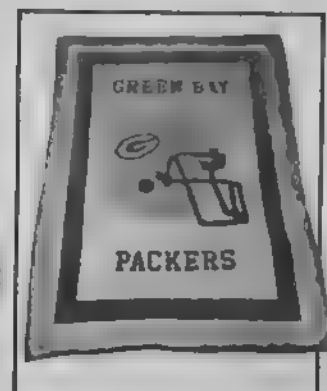
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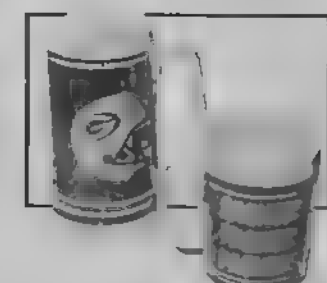
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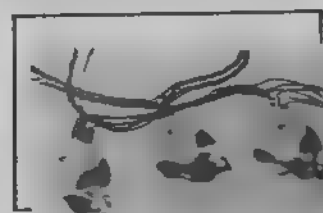
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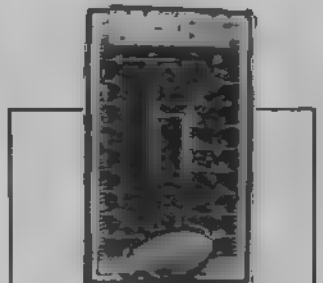
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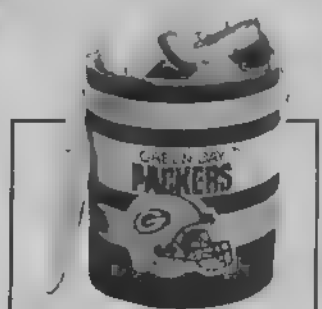
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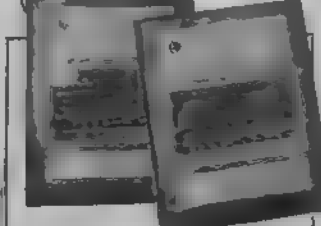
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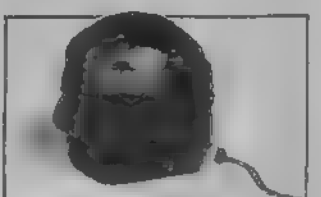


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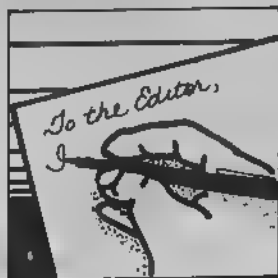


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So upsetting

It's extremely hard to be a Packer fan in upstate New York. It's even harder when I have to eat my words over and over again. Just like I'll have to do tomorrow. The Viking game has just ended and here I am hitting keys on my PC.

I can't fault Coach Holmgren, what a master the man is, how he planned that end of first half strategy to get the field goal was magnificent! I suppose I could blame the referee for missing that roughing the kicker call or perhaps the Favre overthrows, but I won't.

I stayed loyal all through the real down years when we had quarterbacks like Randy White and David Whitehurst who had no business even playing pro football. However this just dumbfounds me. The Packer organization went out and spent big money trying to bring a winner to town and these guys can't even concentrate and get serious for 60 minutes. They were laughing and joking between real important plays and again when that final whistle blew. I think I was more upset than the team.

I sincerely hope Mike beats some respect into them this week. With having the Cowboys on the road and then the red hot Broncos we could be looking at 1-4 and playing for the draft picks again.

Let's get serious,
Bill Mahoney
Binghamton, NY

On third-and-13, throw for all 13

Packer Report:

I'm tired of 26 years of losing football in Green Bay. When will it end? After the Minnesota fiasco I am compelled to write a few thoughts!

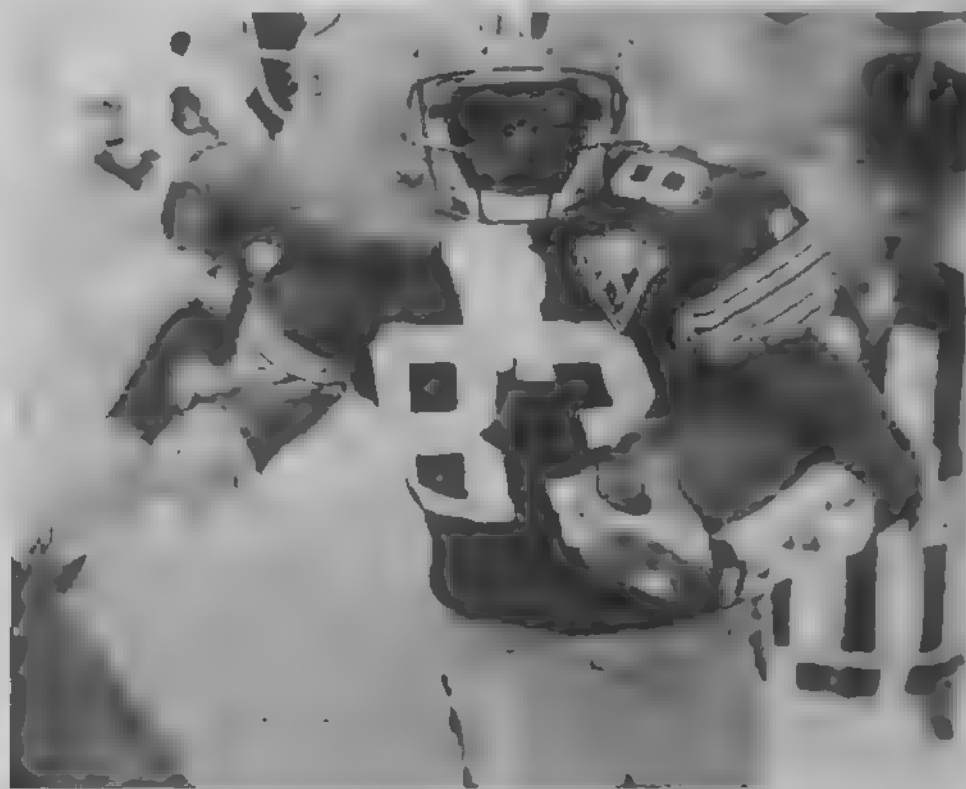
First, would someone tell Holmgren that on third and 13, you throw the ball 13 yards and nothing less! The percentage of throwing shorter passes and the guy running for the first down are against you! When you play not to lose instead of playing to win, most of the time you lose.

Second, Brett Favre is going to be a great QB and he's young, but when he is having a poor game, he should be pulled in favor of Dettmer. Then regardless of the outcome, start Favre again the next week. There's no QB controversy in Green Bay. Everyone knows who the starter is. Hopefully this scenerio will not happen very often, but let's face it, with the second half of the Phil game and the entire Minnesota game, Brett's performance hasn't been very good! Adding insult to

injury, Viking fans stood on overpasses and jeered Packer fans on their way out of Minnesota.

Although McMahon outplayed Favre he said if he had played better, the game wouldn't have been close. Believe me, this loss cuts deep into a Packer fan.

Third, the cast of characters change, but the tune in Green Bay stays the same. Holding penalties at crucial times, not covering receivers, only throwing to one wide receiver lack of pass rush other than Reggie, poor blocking and absolutely foolish mistakes. The list goes on and on. When will it end Mike Holmgren?



Former Dolphin Mark Clayton returned to Florida Sunday, catching three passes for 32 yards. The only Packer to catch more was Sterling Sharpe, who had 10. Clayton wears custom-made sunglasses under his helmet.

— David J. Garot photo.

One other note, the Packers could've had Ismail instead of Teague with their second first round pick. Ismail played great for Minnesota. While Teague sat on the bench for the Pack. On second thought, why get Ismail, Brett wouldn't throw to him anyway. Ask Mark Clayton. Finally, Ron Wolf is a great GM. Too bad the Packers didn't get him long ago. Despite my criticism, Holmgren and his staff are darn good and I hope the Packers can turn things around, although I won't hold my breath.

Daniel Johnson
Chetek, WI

P.S. That one first down that the Packers didn't get meant the difference between winning and losing the game just as much as the long pass at the end of the game.

I thought it meant more of a difference.
— Ed.

3-0 vs 1-2 Why?

The offense's inability to move the ball in the fourth quarter is the difference between 1-2 or 3-0 start. At a time that is most critical, we have failed to even pick up a first down. We are playing not to lose

instead of going for the jugular and playing to win. Come on Mike, did you really think that a sweep on 2nd and 19 would pick up enough yards to set us up for a first down, or were you trying to run out the clock hoping time would expire and we wouldn't lose?

I also think that Ron Wolf has played a major role in the unsettling start. Ron Wolf was being labeled as a genius for his signing of Reggie White and half a dozen other free agents, but I haven't seen any free agent more worthy than Tony Bennett. I thought Ron Wolf's job was to do whatever it takes to help the Packers win. Loosening

now and it's affecting the whole team. Wouldn't it have been nice to see Jim McMahon get blind sided by Tony on 3rd and 10 to wrap up a 13-12 victory?

Matt Vangalis
Packer Diehard
Wausau, WI

Predicts 5-11 this year

Dear Packer Report,

I'm a first time letter writer, and a life long Packer Backer from the day of my birth 31 years ago. This year like so many others was going to be different, the so-called turning point, the next level. Well, it's painfully obvious these statements are ludicrous. This season has all the earmarks of any other: too little, too late. The first four weeks of the '93 campaign shows me no more than the ones of the Starr, Gregg, and saviour Infante's era's. I hate bringing up the past, namely the Lombardi days, but there hasn't been any indication since that things have changed and there is no indication of any change in the immediate future. Yes we have a new coach, players, etc.; SO WHAT!

I'm not a fairweather fan, or a closet PACKER BACKER, and I have no respect for fans of that nature. I love the game of football but I no longer have a favorite team. I was born in the great white north 31 years ago and remained true to the Green & Gold, but as the changing of the guard, I am. I now reside in Big Orange country (Tennessee) and with the grace of God, Memphis will be awarded a team and I can once again enjoy a game without expectations because there will not be any for an expansion team.

Here is a future look at the coming years: '93 — 5-11, '94 — 9-7 no playoffs, '95 — 6-10.

1995 is the year that the Packers play and lose both games to the expansion teams. The next thing to happen is another exchange of the baton, new coach, staff, players, bust draft choices once again. I'm writing this immediately following a drowning in Dallas.

Just a plain every day football fan,
David J. Taylor

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Play calling lacking

Dear Packer Report,

I can't take it any more! After 3 games I have to write to vent my frustrations on the '93 Packers. Here are my observations thus far — Lambeau Field might be the greatest place for a football game per John Madden, but it has for the last 4-5 years the worst footing of any grass field I've seen on television. Fire that groundskeeper! Hire Tampa Bays, Denvers, the Raiders, SENTRY Worlds, or anybody but the folks that are in charge of the grass surface. Those divots are embarrassing.

Brian Noble, thanks for all the great efforts, one of the best run stoppers I've seen in my 32 years as an avid Packer fan. Regardless of his knee healing, I believe we've seen the last of him as a Packer with the salary cap next year.

Shame on the Packers' management after all the wonderful things they have done, to drop the ball and blow the resigning of "the young" pass rushing rising star Tony Bennett.

We've been outcoached in the Eagles and Vikings games. We didn't adjust our offense to the Eagles blitzing in the second half, and we stopped using the swing passes, quick openers, screen passes, and running game against the Vikes in the second half of that game in favor of the longer passing game. How will the Packers ever get a 1,000+ yard rusher unless we give him or them the ball to carry at least 25 times per game? Who cares if Sterling gets his seven catches per game? If the Vikings couldn't stop our running game (which they couldn't) then let's just win the game, and stuff the run down their throats until they prove they can stop us. How about the lousy call on second and one yard? A slow opener up the gut. Why not play action pass when they expect the run? I'd like to see what Bart Starr's record would be after three games with this talent. The Eagles and Vikings proved it to me, and I'm sure to others watching, that they can stop our down-field passing game with the blitz, and turn our rising QB star, into a high school second stringer. Get ready for more of the same, 'cause until we prove to the NFL that we can adjust our game to combat the blitz, we'll see a megaton of blitzes. Brett will be seeking a bomb shelter.

Speaking of Brett Favre, he's shook up and is starting to look like Jim Everett on his bad days. The swing pass, screen pass, and quick opener style running game will take that pressure off him and settle him down. Please READ this Coach Holmgren.

Clayton will soon be venting his frustrations about not getting thrown to. Can everyone be double covered with six defenders rushing our QB??

Bench Buckley on punt returns in favor of a back who will get you the 6-15 yard returns. Terrell is playing much better D this year, but sideways doesn't make it as a punt returner in the NFL. I suggest trying Marcus Wilson. He's got the quickness and guts it takes to be a consistent punt returner.

Final thought, since we aren't using Dexter McNabb except on special teams, let's move him to defense and teach him to play inside 'backer. He looks to be a good tackler on special teams, weighs about 245 lbs., and is certainly quick and tough enough, having played fullback at Florida.

Sincerely,
Mark Vuchetich
Puyallup, WA

Maybe some August wins would have helped

Dear Al and Ray:

Once again, the Packers are tripping over the starting line and I can't help but think that Mike Holmgren's philosophy that pre-season wins and losses aren't very important, has a lot to do with it. The Packers are not a veteran team with a track record of success. Instead, they're young and still trying to pull it all together. Exhibition games are as good a time as any to learn how to win and develop a winner's attitude.

We're now 20 games into the Wolf-Holmgren era and the record is a mediocre 10 and 10. To make matters worse, we're 0-3 against the Vikings and unless things quickly change for the better, this season will soon be a complete washout.

I've been a die hard fan now for 40 years, and I'm far from ready to close the book on 1993. It bothers me that Ron Wolf seems to be more preoccupied these days on the color of the uniforms than the performance of the team.

Where is Tony Bennett? And while we're at it, Chuck Cecil and Troy Vincent would sure look good in a Packer secondary that as of yet hasn't made the big play when the game was on the line. I hope I'm wrong, but Terrell Buckley is fast becoming a first round embarrassment, long on trash talk and short on production, a la Tony Mandarich.

The word potential means "NOT VERY GOOD YET," and that pretty much describes Brett Favre at this point in his career. Like most everyone else, I'm hoping he becomes a great one, but unless he stops throwing off his back foot and starts stepping up into the pocket, we're in for a never-ending stream of flutter balls and interceptions.

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Blowouts like the Dallas game happen to every team and it's probably best to quickly put them behind you and move on. Champions, however, almost always seem to find a way to win the close ones, and so far, we are 0-2 this season in that category.

Ron Wolf should forget about trying to rearrange the deck chairs on a sinking ship and begin concentrating solely on winning football games. If not, an otherwise promising season will fast become a major disappointment. After they've won a Super Bowl, if he and Holmgren want to change colors to N.Y. Jet GREEN and San Francisco GOLD, I'll be all for it. But until then, they should tend to business and keep

the colors "AS IS." They haven't won anything yet.

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Victory

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only three plays but the ensuing Packer drive appeared it would stall after one first down — until the Buccaneers helped Green Bay out a bit. On an incomplete pass which would have brought up third-and-10, linebacker Hardy Nickerson pushed Thompson down when the ball was well over his head and Thompson was already out of bounds.

The 15-yard penalty gave Green Bay new life at the Buc 39. Two Edgar Bennett runs made it third-and-one at the 30. From there, Favre hit Sharpe in the left flat. Cornerback Roger Jones lunged toward the outside to make the tackle but Sharpe turned inside and raced 30 yards to paydirt for his second touchdown of the game and 40th of his career, which put him alone in fifth place on the Packers' all time touchdown-reception list.

Jacke tops Packer extra-point annals

Chris Jackie followed with an extra point to make it 14-0 with 11:14 left before intermission. It was Jacke's 100th consecutive extra point, which put him No. 1 on the Packers' all-time list for consecutive extra points.

The defense against forced Tampa into three-and-punt. But Favre fumbled a snap on his second play from scrimmage and Tampa got the ball back at the 50 with 8:52 to play. Buc Coach Sam Wyche inserted veteran Steve DeBerg at quarterback — but the immediate results were similar to Erickson's efforts. On his second pass, Johnny Holland came up with his first interception of the season. Holland sprinted up the left sideline with his return, but fumbled. Rookie Wayne Simmons alertly pounced on it at Tampa's 45.

That's when Holmgren broke out the razzle-dazzle his team had been working on last week. Favre wasn't even on the field. Green Bay split its offensive line, with three blockers lining up wide left, in front of a lone wide receiver. In a shotgun, Frank Winters snapped deep to Sterling Sharpe, who ran up the middle five yards to the Buc 40. The same formation came up on second down, with Sharpe throwing this time, hitting Robert Brooks in the left flat for a one-yard gain.

"We didn't execute those the way we wanted to," said Holmgren, who inserted the plays at practice in the final days before flying to Tampa Friday evening.

Asked after the game why the Packers inserted them, Holmgren replied, "because it's fun."

Third-and-four brought Favre back onto the field and he promptly hit Sharpe with a six-yard pass for a first down at the Buc 33.

Favre was sacked on first down but came right back with completions to Bennett for five yards, and Sharpe for 20, giving Green Bay a first down at the Buc 14. Bennett plied the right side for four yards, bringing up third-and-11 on the 34. Favre then hit Sharpe in a zone seam on the right side for a 10-yard touchdown, making it 21-0, 2:58 before halftime.

Green Bay did not allow a Buc first down, forcing another (Tampa Bay's fifth) punt two minutes before halftime.

The Packers took possession at Tampa's 38. They picked up seven yards on a completion to Mark Clayton but their next two passes fell incomplete, bringing on Jacke. He nailed a 50-yard field goal 1:11 before halftime, giving Green Bay a 24-0 lead at intermission.

Teague's 1st INT called back

The Buccaneers went three-and-out on the first possession of the second half.

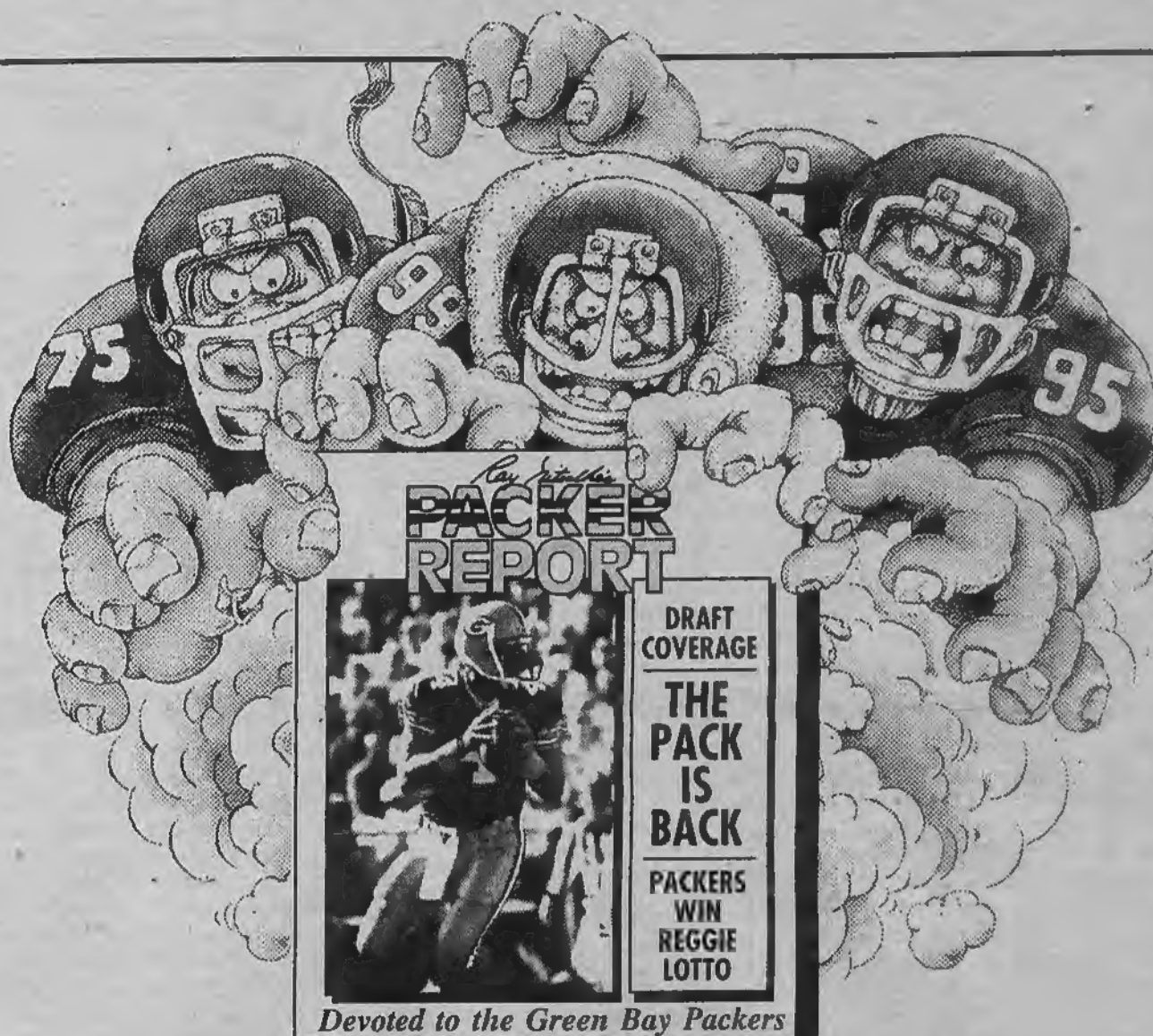
Green Bay came back with a drive that stalled at the Buc 27. Jacke then nailed a 44-yard field goal for a 27-0 lead early in the third quarter.

Tampa's next possession saw Holland drop an interception and Teague's first interception of his NFL career called back because the officials said he pushed intended receiver Charles Wilson before making the pick — which was, of course, disallowed.

Green Bay's next possession was a 62-yard, nine-play march which culminated in a 24-yard Jacke field goal which made it 30-0 with 5:17 left in the third.

Green Bay's shutout opportunity ended with 1:21 to play in the third quarter. The Packers flushed the re-inserted Erickson toward Green Bay's sideline and just when it seemed best for Erickson to run, he pulled up and fired a 26-yard scoring strike to Copeland, who was just inches behind the goal line and only a foot or so from the sideline. It would have been Green Bay's first shutout since Oct. 27, 1991. That game was a 27-0 win at Tampa Stadium.

Green Bay's final score was a 32-yard catch-and-run from Favre to Sharpe with 14:11 left in the game.



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